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Chinese Communist Forces:

1. The 6 Task Force (sic), 3 Field Army, arrived from Manchuria late in February.
2. The 9 Task Force (sic), 3 Field Army, was in the former Yongsaeng Middle School, Hamhung.
3. The 53 (sic) Army was in the vicinity of the Yonp'o (127-32, 39-48) airstrip. The troops were dug in on the hillsides. Some houses in the area were used as billets.
4. Eight thousand troops were billeted in the provincial government building in Chongjin.
5. The 1 Field Army (known as a special task force) was in the former Japanese railway workers billet area at Nanam (129-41, 41-43) with 9,000 poorly equipped troops. There are many air-raid shelters in this area.
6. Two divisions were at Munch'on (127-17, 39-17) en route to the vicinity of Pyongyang. They were reported to be replacements for the 4 Field Army in Munch'on.
7. One division was in the Mump'yong (127-21, 39-1b) area, moving south to the Wonsan and Anbyon areas. The unit was reported to be a part of the North Korean 7 (sic) Corps.
8. The Chinese Communist 3 Mechanized Army (sic) (not a part of the 3 Field Army) arrived at Hungnam from Chongjin in mid-February and still was at Hungnam, with headquarters at Nokuchi (sic) in the former residence of the president of the chemical company. The army was equipped with 16 Soviet self-propelled guns, 20 to 30 T-34 tanks, and 140 Zis Soviet trucks. The units included the 57 and 91 Mechanized Corps, * poorly equipped with Japanese 38, 99, and U.S. M-1 rifles; the 80 Cavalry Corps; and one infantry corps. Mechanized corps strength is seven to eight thousand men. The cavalry corps is used for reconnaissance and numbers 5,000 Manchurian-born Mongols on horses.

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North Korean Troops:

9. The headquarters of the 127 (sic) Corps was in the Chongjin Girls High School. Five thousand men were attached to this unit; they were billeted in the area. The commander was Major General CHONG Sung-taeck, a former officer in the Soviet army.
10. Six thousand troops were reported dug in at (CV 751208), in the orchard in the vicinity of Hamhung.

Miscellaneous:

11. Ten thousand Chinese Communist and five thousand North Korean troops were reported in the vicinity of Wonsan to meet a UN invasion.
12. The Chongjin radio was still in operation. The Chongjin mayor was reported to be SOK San, a Soviet-trained Korean.

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